

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Tulip Tree

Liriodendron tulipifera

This tree has a broadly conical growth form reaching heights of 164 feet (50m). The leaves are 6 inches (15cm) or longer with two lobes at the tip and two on the sides, dark green above, bluish white beneath, turning yellow to orange in autumn. The bark is gray-brown furrowing with age. The 2.5 inch (6cm) flowers are borne singly on the shoot ends sometime in midsummer. It is also known as yellow poplar.

-Courtesy of "Trees" by Allen J. Coombes, published by Dorling Kindersley, Inc.



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

First of all, let me extend a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who has made my transition into this position smooth and comfortable. Already I have been involved in some great activities and met some wonderful people. One thing I noticed is the amazing amount of diversity we enjoy in this part of the country, not only in plant and animal life, but also in the people and culture. On one hand, this diversity poses a unique and somewhat daunting challenge, but on the other hand, it provides us an incredible opportunity for growth as individuals and as a community. This diversity is evidenced by the wide array of projects awarded money in this year's Community Forestry Grants. Washington truly is a great place to live and to learn. -Kevin

1998 Community Forestry Grants

The responses to this year's grant applications (37 in all) provided the grant review committee with some tough decisions. The total amount of money to be allocated was only \$75,000, and over \$196,000 dollars were requested from the applicants. The proposed projects ranged from tree inventories and master plans to wetland restorations. One similarity all of the grantees did have in common was their desire to bring in multiple segments of the community, while providing education for young and old alike. We look forward to getting these projects up and running. Look for updates in the future. The following is the list of 1998 Community Forestry Grant recipients with a very short description of their projects:

Friends of Bradner-Seattle

Town of Coupeville

City of Enumclaw

City of Ferndale

Town of Index

Town of La Conner

Mid-Puget Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group

City of Okanogan

City of Olympia

City of Omak

Plant Amnesty

Sequim School District #323

Stilly-Snohomish Fisheries

City of Walla Walla

Yakima School District

Educational Horticulture Park

Street Tree Master Plan

Urban Forestry Enhancement Prog.

Develop Community Tree Program

Cripple Creek Restoration

Tree Inventory Management Plan

Newaukum Creek Restoration

Plan/Initiate Urban Forestry Program

Neighborhoods/Stream Team Trailers

Establish a Walking Arboretum

Educational/Technical Initiative

Demonstration Arboretum

Arlington Riparian Project

Inventory and Management Software

Eisenhower Master Tree Plan

New Environmental Recognition Program for Builders and Developers

The National Arbor Day Foundation announced a new program developed in cooperation with the National Association of Home Builders to recognize and award builders and developers who save trees during building and land development. The Building With Trees program provides two opportunities for builders and developers to receive recognition for their efforts - one following the planning and design phase of a project, another following construction.

Parties register their commitment to building with trees by meeting certain criteria. Among these criteria are inclusion of a tree expert on the development team, inventory of the tree resources prior to planning and design, and preparation of a tree conservation plan. The builder and tree expert must also pledge to follow tree preservation guidelines during the construction and maintenance stages of the project. Detailed information can be obtained by contacting the NADF, 100 Arbor Ave, Nebraska City, NE 68410, (402) 474-5655, or call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

In the works (continued)

*A town is saved, not more by the
righteous men in it than by the woods
and swamps that surround it.*

-Henry David Thoreau

**TRIVIA: Where would you find
"palisades parenchyma" ?**

(answer is upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The purpose of the Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.

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(in the leaves)

PNW-ISA 1998 Annual Training Conference

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture will hold its 1998 Annual Training Conference on September 30 through October 2 at the Eugene Hilton in Eugene, Oregon. Featured speakers include Dr. Don Marx, Dr. Jim Clark, Randall Stamen, and many others. This is an excellent way for ISA Certified Arborists to earn CEUs and to network with others in the field. For registration information, contact the Chapter at (503) 585-4285.

"Regional Growing-Out Stations" To Go Nationwide

The National Tree Trust's (NTT) Regional Growing-Out Stations (RGOS) program has been four years in the making, but now they are ready to expand the concept nationwide. If you have never heard of the RGOS program before, it works like this: It begins with a three-way partnership between a non-profit organization (IRS certified 501(c)(3)), a municipality, and the NTT. The city provides the land. The non-profit organization provides the site improvements in order to make it suitable for growing trees, and the NTT provides an up-front monetary grant for the site preparations and improvements, and furnishes one-year old trees, containers, and a subsidy for potting medium for the duration.

In return, the managing non-profit organization agrees to supply the municipality with up to twenty percent of the trees grown out on the site. The remaining trees are to be given to municipalities, counties, tree-planting organizations, and other interested parties for planting in public areas.

The NTT requires the non-profit organization to have been established for a minimum of two years and, have been a past participant in NTT's Community Tree Planting or America's Treeways Programs, before applying to become a RGOS. For more information, contact the NTT at 1-800-846-8733.

"How to Recognize Defects in Trees" An informative 19-page pocket-size guide includes color photographs of hazardous tree defects and lists corrective actions. Great for anyone conducting inventories or explaining tree defects to the public. The guide is available by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

"Arborist Equipment" A Guide to the Tools and Equipment of Tree Maintenance and Removal, by Donald F. Blair. Mr. Blair's writing is informative and witty. This book is a must for anyone interested in working in or around trees. It can be ordered through ISA at (217) 355-9411 or perhaps ordered by your local bookstore.

July

18 ISA Arborist Certification Exam, Wenatchee, WA. Contact PNW Chapter office at (503) 945-7415.

22 Washington Community Forestry Council Meeting, 9:30 - 3:30, Grandview, WA. For more information, contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

August

2-5 International Society of Arboriculture Annual Conference and Trade Show, Birmingham, England. Contact the ISA at (217) 355-9411.

September

16-18 Best of the West Summit, The Presidio, Golden Gate Club, San Francisco, CA. For more information, contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

28-30 Society of Municipal Arborists Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO. For more information, contact Rob Emmit at (314) 301-1500 ext. 2236.